

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2006. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-6, 21-22, 26, and 29-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 but notes that Claims 11-12, 14-16, 18-20, 23-24, 25, and 27 are allowable. In response, the following claims have been amended: 1, 21, and 26. This amendment does not add new matter.

With respect to the § 112 rejection, the Patent Office states that the added material is not supported by the original disclosure (hence the specification has been objected to) specifically:

Newly added claim limitations substituting 0.1-4.5 weight percent copolyester containing adipic acid in place of the previously required amount of poly(epsilon caprolactone), in view of the specification as originally filed which indicates that the poly(epsilon caprolactone) component is a required component of the claimed invention.

In response, independent Claims 1, 21, and 26 have been amended to add back in this limitation. Applicants respectfully request the patent application is in a condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request the application be passed to allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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